

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 169 - HB 397**

February 19, 2015

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits a member of a governing body from casting a vote by means of text messaging. Governing body refers to boards, agencies, and commissions of state government, including the Tennessee State Funding Board, Tennessee Local Development Authority, Tennessee Housing Development Agency, Tennessee State School Bond Authority, and any of their committees. Municipal governing bodies means only those municipal governing bodies organized under Title 6, Chapter 18, and having a city commission of three members, and having a population of more than 2,500 according to the 2000 Federal Census or any subsequent federal census.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

**Assumptions:**

- Currently, a governing body may allow participation by electronic or other means of communication for the benefit of the public and the governing body in connection with any meeting authorized by law.
- A member participating in a meeting by this means is deemed to be present for purposes of voting but not for determining per diem eligibility.
- Prohibiting a member from casting a vote by text messaging will not significantly affect how members of the governing body participate in meetings; therefore, any fiscal impact on state or local governments is considered not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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